

tempt its further portrayal; happily we can turn to the reality—boys racing and romping over the grounds as boys should, then working as boys should as little farmers, carpenters, shoe-makers. Girls neatly dressed, with bright faces and sparkling eyes, educated by actual experience to be seamstresses, to wash and iron, to cook, and do all other household duties. Both boys and girls assembled in chapel, not to brood over the cruel neglect which they have suffered, but to praise the everlasting Father, who, in their poverty, has cared for them, and raised up for their protection the Orphan's Friend.

As this fine property has cost our State treasury nothing, we might have hesitated to enter upon its examination, had we not been urged to do so by the Superintendent. The result of our inspection is to report that not one cent has been spent needlessly; that the best possible ends have been accomplished that were attainable with the money at the disposal of the Directors; that improvements are now in process, which will add to the convenience and economy of the administration, and every building is kept in perfect order.

NEEDS.

Of these it is necessary to speak: We heard no complaints. We do not know whether there remains in North Carolina a white child who is destitute; if there be such a one, then the imperative need of our State is to provide this institution with the means to protect that child. At present it seems to us that everyone is here that can be admitted without increase of income. The per capita cost, including lodging, food, clothing, nursing, education, and all other requisites, is only \$95.00 for twelve months, of which the State provides less than half. We can not possibly expect or wish it to be less. We can, therefore, only recommend that the present appropriation be permanently continued, and that additions to it be made from time to time, as the demand may arise.

The following is the financial statement, which we condense, from the admirably kept books of the Treasurer:

OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Financial statement, from December 1, 1900, to August 31, 1902:

December 1, 1902, balance cash on hand, as per printed report	\$2,959.31
Received from State Treasurer, 2 annual appropriations..	20,000.00
Grand Lodge, 2 annual appropriations—	
\$3,000 and \$2,500.....	5,500.00
Contributions by lodges.....	4,114.39
Contributions, general.....	2,590.19